

Department of Toxic Substances Control

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hazardous waste,
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# Fact Sheet, October 2007

# Draft Permit Renewal Available for Review and Comment for Travis Air Force Base



Front view of Building 1365

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Renewal (Permit) for Travis Air Force Base (AFB) in Travis AFB, Solano County. Travis AFB is an existing facility and the Permit will allow the facility to continue operations for the next additional 10 years. The types and volumes of wastes handled and stored will not change.

In addition to the draft Permit, DTSC proposes a Notice of Exemption (NOE) under the California Environmental Quality Act. A Permit enables DTSC to effectively regulate the hazardous waste management activities at facilities. Permits are developed after DTSC's detailed technical review, and are intended to ensure that facilities operate in a manner that protects human health and the environment.

#### **Public Comment Period**

October 19, 2007 to December 3, 2007

The 45-day public comment period for the draft Permit begins on October 19, 2007 and ends on December 3, 2007. Copies of the draft documents can be viewed at the information repositories listed on page 3 of this fact sheet. Written and e-mailed comments must be postmarked by December 3, 2007 and sent to:

Farshad Vakili, P.E., Project Manager
Department of Toxic Substances Control
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California 95826
Please e-mail comments to: Fvakili@dtsc.ca.gov

A public meeting or hearing is not scheduled for this project; however, if you feel one is warranted you can request a meeting or hearing by contacting Ms. Kim Rhodes, Public Participation Specialist, toll-free at 866-495-5651 or 916-255-3651 or by e-mail to Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov. In your request please indicate the reason(s) for the request and DTSC will evaluate if a meeting is warranted.



# Why a Permit is Necessary

The prior Permit was signed on April 4, 1993 and expired on April 3, 2003. The prior Permit is still in effect under special conditions for an expired Permit. Since the delay of re-issuance is not the fault of the facility, this situation is not regarded as a violation.

# **Facility Description**

Travis AFB is located about three miles east of Fairfield. The Travis AFB Hazardous Waste

Storage Facility is located in the northeast corner of the 5,228 acre base property. Building 1365 (facility) occupies 2.25 acres and is surrounded by a security fence. The facility consists of a drum storage building and a tank farm east of the building. Building 1365 is 145 feet by 95 feet and houses two banks of drum storage bays. The tank farm contains six aboveground storage tanks and the tank farm is used for storage of used oil. The capacity of each tank is approximately 2,500 gallons.

The hazardous wastes generated at Travis AFB consist primarily of waste petroleum products and used solvents. A complete list of hazardous wastes stored by the facility is available for review in the Part B Permit Application located in the information repositories listed on page 3.

## **California Environmental Quality Act**

Under the California Environmental Quality Act, DTSC must evaluate whether the Permit may have any significant impacts on human health and the environment. As part of this evaluation, DTSC has proposed a Notice of Exemption which concludes that the Permit will not result in any impact to human health or the environment.

#### **Enforcement History**

DTSC inspects Travis AFB on a regular basis to ensure they are in compliance with California laws, regulations, and the Permit conditions. The results of those inspections during the past five years are listed below:

October 2002: No violations found.



Picture of Tank Farm

**September 2003**: failure to properly maintain operating records, failure to fully document observations in inspection records and failure to provide adequate training.

**January 2005**: No violations found.

May 2006: No violations found.

March 2007: No violations found.

Inspection reports are available for review at DTSC's regional office located at 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826.

# You can Participate in our Permitting Decisions

DTSC encourages public participation in the decision-making process and invites the public to review and comment on the Permit. Before making a final determination on the Permit, DTSC will review and respond in writing to all public comments. A Response to Comments document will be sent to all those who submitted public comments and to those who request a copy. A copy of the Response to Comments will also be placed in the information repositories.

To review the draft Permit, the NOE and other related documents, please visit our web site: www.dtsc.ca.gov.

# **Information Repository**

Please review the draft Permit and NOE at one of the facilities listed below:

Vacaville Public Library 1020 Ulatis Drive Vacaville, CA 95688 (707) 449-6290

#### Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday - Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. − 5 p.m.

Fairfield-Suisun Community Library 1150 Kentucky Street Fairfield, CA 94533 (707) 421-6500

#### Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday - Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Mitchell Memorial Library 510 Travis Boulevard Travis, CA 94535 (707) 424-3279

#### Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday - Closed

Saturday - Sunday: 12 a.m. - 6 p.m.

DTSC Regional Records Room 8800 Cal Center Drive Sacramento, California 95826 Phone: (916) 255-3758

Contact: File Room - By appointment only

### **DTSC Contacts**

Please contact the following individuals with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the draft Permit Renewal.

For questions regarding the Draft Permit Renewal, please contact:

Mr. Farshad Vakili, Project Manager (916) 255-3612 or by e-mail to Fvakili@dtsc.ca.gov

For questions regarding the public participation process, please contact:

Ms. Kim Rhodes, Public Participation Specialist Toll-free 1 (866) 495-5651 or (916) 255-3651 or by e-mail to Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov

Members of the media please contact: Ron Baker, Public Information Supervisor (916) 324-3142 or by e-mail to Rbaker@dtsc.ca.gov

# **Notice to Hearing Impaired Individuals**

You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at: 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Kim Rhodes at (916) 255-3651 regarding the Travis Air Force Base Permit Renewal.

#### **Anuncio**

Si prefi ere hablar con alguien en espanol acercade esta informacion, favor de llamar a Jesus Cruz, Especialista en Participacion Publica del Departmento de Control de Substancias Toxicas. El numero de telefono es (916) 255-3315.

